(b) if so, the details of forest guards guarding various forests with the type of basic facilities provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Generally, there is a shortage of frontline staff and also of equipment and other facilities for the staff. It is a fact that due to lack of basic facilities, the forest guards find it difficult to confront armed poachers. Forest guard, the grass root level functionary of the forest department is not equipped with adequate transportation and communication facilities to effectively and efficiently protect the forests. Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Integrated Forest Protection Scheme to provide financial assistance to State Governments for upgrading the infrastructure and basic facilities like communication, mobility and buildings etc. to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of forest staff including forest guards in the matter of protection of forests and wildlife.

Diversion of forest land to Government departments

1871. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed diversion of forest land to Government departments for developmental projects and providing public utility facilities;

(b) if so, the details of such land diverted especially in Andhra Pradesh, and the purpose thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken the conservation measures at the same time, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests approves diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry activities including developmental projects executed by Government departments. 14 developmental projects of Government departments have been approved under the Act in Andhra Pradesh during last three years. The details of forest land diverted in respect

of developmental projects executed by Government departments in Andhra Pradesh for providing public utility facilities in last three years given are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Raising of compensatory afforestation is stipulated in proportion to extent of forest land diverted for conservation of forest cover. In addition, stipulation of implementation of catchment area treatment plan, wildlife management plan and mine rehabilitation plan is also prescribed on case specific basis.

Statement

Diversion Of Forest Land To Government Departments

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Year	District	Category	Forest land diverted (in ha.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Laying of pipelines and digging of borewells	2003	Hyderabad	Drinking water	0.01
2.	Diversion of forest land for drilling of borewell and laying of pipeline near Basuregadi (V)	2003	Ranga Reddy	Drinking water	0.01
3.	Diversion of forest land for the purpose of drilling borewell and laying of pipelines for drinking water purposes	2003	Ranga Reddy	Drinking water	0.01
4.	Peddagu Minor Irrigation Project	2001	Adilabad	Irrigation	176.66

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Construction of water reservoir in favour of Tirumala Tiruppathi Devasthanam	2001	Chittoor	Irrigation	80.00
6.	Formation of new tank across Bhupateswara Kona near Beerakuppam Village in Nagalapuram Mandal in favour of E.E. Minor Irrigation Project	2005	Chittoor	Irrigation	50.64
7.	Bhupathipalem Reservoir across Seethapallivagu	2003	East Godavari	Irrigation	220.091
8.	Pullichintala Reservoir Project at Pullichinta Village across Krishna River	2005	Guntur	Irrigation	1157.1
9.	Construction of Reservoir across Palemvagu by State Irrigation Department	1999	Khammam	Irrigation	273.04
10.	Formation of reservoir across Peddavagu and Bonguruvagu near Konapur (V)	2004	Nizamabad	Irrigation	12.00
11.	Laying of underground pipeline for creating irrigation potential Govanivari Palem Lift Irrigation Scheme	2004	Prakasam	Irrigation	0.19
12.	Laying of water conductor system for Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme	2004	Warangal	Irrigation	344.005

1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	Laying of approach road fromVaradaipalem to Tada R&B Road to Golden City Hospital & Lecture Hall	2003	Chittoor	Road	0.13
14.	Widening Cuddapah-Renigunta Road (APSH-4)	2002	Cuddapah	Road	4.86
15.	Link Road from Kona in Ananthpur to Guttapalli	2002	Kurnool	Road	1.98
16.	Link Road from Kona (Temple)	2002	Kurnool	Road	1.92
17.	Upgradation of existing 2 Lane to 4 Lane divided carriageway from Kurnool to Ananthapur	2005	Kurnool	Road	0.5
18	Formation of road from Forest Check Post Kollaput to Amaragiri	2005	Mahaboobnagar	Road	3.45
19	Widening of NH-Naidaput-Tadabot Project	2002	Nellore	Road	4.71
20	Widening of NH	2002	Nellore	Road	1.37
21	Widening of NH from Nellore to Chailakaluripet	2003	Prakassam	Road	10.37
22	Approach Road to Apparel Export Park	2003	Ranga Reddy	Road	1.21
23	NH Upgradation to 4 Lane	2002	Visakhapatnam	Road	1.88